

## **REMARKS**

### **1. Status of Claims**

In the office action dated March 3, 2005, claims 1-15 were rejected. Claims 1-6 and 10-14 have now been canceled. After entry of this amendment, claims 7-9 and 15 are pending in this application.

### **2. Rejection for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-15 for obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-17 in copending application 09/923,751.

Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer with this response. Therefore, this rejection should be removed.

### **3. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 10-14 under § 103(a) in view of Agapiou U.S. Patent 5,442,019. Although applicant does not agree with that rejection, in an effort to expedite the issuance of a patent on claims 7-9 and 15, applicant has canceled claims 1-6 and 10-14 without prejudice to a future continuing application. Therefore, the § 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

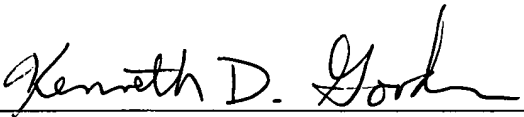
**4. Conclusion**

Applicant requests allowance of claims 7-9 and 15. If there are any questions regarding this response, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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